# CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:	7	eam:	CCRB Case #:	▼ Force	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Discourt.	☐ U.S.
Jacqueline Asencio	Т	Ceam # 1	200903865	Abuse	V	O.L.	✓ Injury
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Add	ress				
Witness(es)		Home Add	ress				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command				
1. An officer							
2. POM Robert Galarza	18301	944222	007 PCT				
3. POM Joseph Federico	13974	944261	007 PCT				
4. SGT Levon Holley	02054	923959	007 PCT				
5. POM Michael Wong	01222	934261	007 PCT				
Officer(s)	Allegation			In	vestig	ator Recon	nmendation
A.POM Joseph Federico	Abuse: At Federico st	§ 87(2)(b) copped § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, Po	O Joseph			
B.POM Robert Galarza	Abuse: At Galarza sto	§ 87(2)(b) ppped § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, Po	O Robert			
C.POM Joseph Federico	Abuse: At Federico st	§ 87(2)(b) sopped § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, PO	O Joseph and			
D.POM Robert Galarza	Abuse: At Galarza sto § 87(2)(b)	§ 87(2)(b) ppped § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, Po	O Robert and			
E.SGT Levon Holley	Force: At Holley use	87(2)(b) d physical force agai	in Manhattan, Sgt. Le nst <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup>	evon			
F.POM Michael Wong	Force: At Sound Wong used	87(2)(b) l physical force agair	in Manhattan, PO Minst § 87(2)(b)	chael			
G. An officer		age: At <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup> de remarks to <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup>	in Manhattar based upon race				

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
H. An officer	Discourtesy: At §87(2)(b) in Manhattan, an officer spoke obscenely and/or rudely to §87(2)(b)	
I.POM Robert Galarza	Force: At § 87(2)(b) in Manhattan, PO Robert Galarza used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	

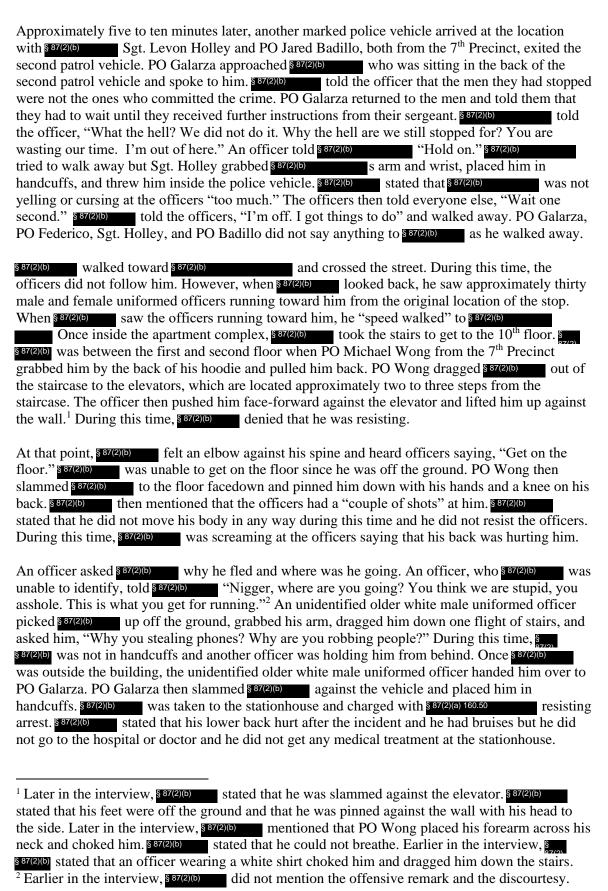
## **Case Summary**

The co March that § 87 § 87(2)(b) and PC	filed this complaint by phone with the omplaint was referred under log number \$87(2)(b) a 13, 2009. On March 9, 2009, at approximately s cell phone was stolen by \$87(2)(b) at \$87(2)(b)  O Robert Galarza canvassed the location and ob and Avenue D. The following allegations results	and it was received at the CCRB on 3:30pm, \$37(2)(b) reported to police and et in Manhattan. PO Joseph Federico served the four men at a bus stop at 3 <sup>rd</sup>
•	Allegation A- Abuse of Authority: At \$87(2)(5)	in Manhattan, PO
•	Joseph Federico stopped § 87(2)(b)	III Waimattan, 1 O
•	Allegation B-Abuse of Authority: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, PO Robert
	Galarza stopped § 87(2)(b)	m manatan, 1 o 100001
	§ 87(2)(g)	
•	Allegation C- Abuse of Authority: At 887(2)(b	
	Joseph Federico stopped § 87(2)(b)	and § 87(2)(b)
•	Allegation D-Abuse of Authority: At 887(2)(5)	
	Galarza stopped § 87(2)(b)	and § 87(2)(b)
	§ 87(2)(g)	
•	Allegation E- Force: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, Sgt. Levon Holley used
	physical force against § 87(2)(6)	In Manuatan, Sgt. Bevon Honey used
•	Allegation F- Force: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, PO Michael Wong used
	physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
	§ 87(2)(g)	
•	Allegation G- Offensive Language: At \$87(2)	
	made remarks to §87(2)(b) based upon race	
•	Allegation H- Discourtesy: At 887(2)(b)	in Manhattan, an officer spoke
	obscenely and/or rudely to \$87(2)(b)	
	§ 87(2)(g)	
•	Allegation I- Force: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, PO Robert Galarza used
	physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
	§ 87(2)(g)	

### **Results of Investigation**

Civilian Statements Complainant: \$87(2)(b)
• is a § 87(2)(b) black female who has brown hair and brown eyes.
was interviewed in person at the CCRB on March 24, 2009 (encl. 14a-14c). On March 9, 2009, \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ was being beat up by the police. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ looked out the window from her apartment and saw approximately fifty police officers and \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ in front of \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ stated that nothing was obstructing her view and she was ten stories up at the time. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ saw \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ standing against the passenger side of a marked police vehicle (license plate unknown) with an unidentified officer holding his sweater upward to his neck, pushing it to the side with one hand by his ear as another unidentified officer had \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ shandcuffed arms hoisted upward. The officers were moving \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ side-to-side. A third unidentified officer standing to the side of \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ placed his hand on top of \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ shead, pushed and shoved him twice with his knee on his side, and shoved him inside the police vehicle. When \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2009}\$ went downstairs, all the officers were gone.
• S87(2)(b) is a S87(2)(b) black male who is 5'9" tall, weighs 155 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes.
was interviewed in person at the CCRB on March 24, 2009 (encl. 13a-13e). On March 9, 2009, at approximately 3:30pm, \$67(2)(0) had just exited his apartment complex with his friend, and walked to the uptown bus stop located on an in Manhattan. At the time, \$87(2)(0) was wearing a red sweater with a gray stripe down the arms, jeans, blue sneakers, and a red/blue/tan hat. \$87(2)(0) was waiting for the bus for less than five minutes when it arrived and got on. When the bus left, a marked police vehicle pulled up at exactly the same spot where the bus stopped and two uniformed officers, later identified as PO Joseph Federico and PO Robert Galarza from the 7 <sup>th</sup> Precinct, exited the vehicle. When the officers got out of the vehicle, \$67(2)(0) stopped and so did \$67(2)(0) and \$687(2)(0) and \$687(2)(0) and \$687(2)(0) stated that he did not remember what the other three males were wearing at the time.
PO Galarza approached \$87(2)(6) with one hand extended forward in the air as to say, "Hold." PO Galarza asked \$87(2)(6) "Where are you coming from? How long have you been standing there? What is your name? Do you know anything about a cell phone? Anything stolen?" During this time, PO Federico was asking the same questions to the other men. PO Galarza began to ask the men for their names, who had identification, where they were coming from, and if they knew each other. \$87(2)(6) "Tried to answer every question that he could and told the officer his name and address. PO Galarza spoke into his radio and said that he and his partner had four men stopped for the robbery. The officer also radioed what \$87(2)(6) "Was wearing and stated that he

was the one who committed the crime. PO Galarza told the group that they were going to bring in a police vehicle and told the group, "Hold still."



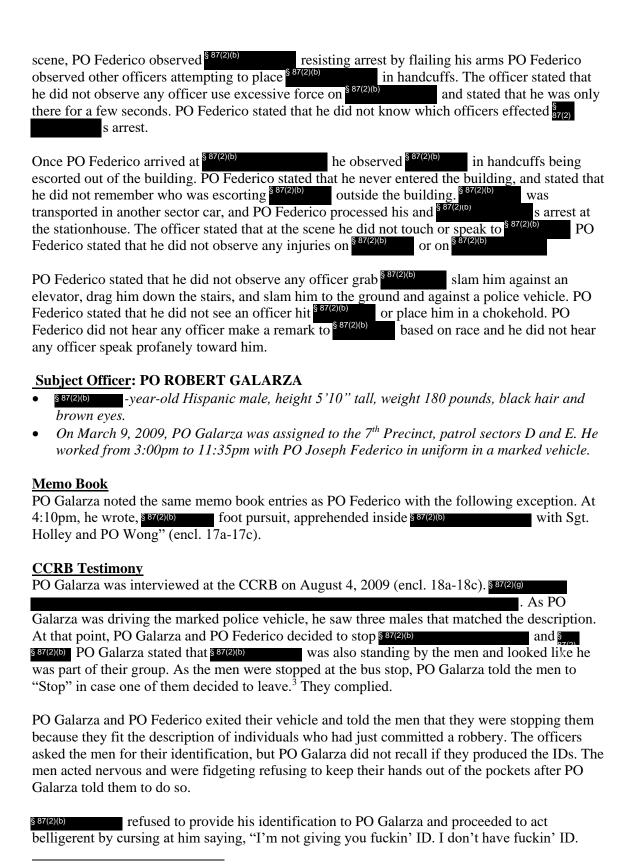
Witness: § 87(2)(b)
• provided a brief phone statement to the CCRB on April 2, 2009 (encl. 11a) 887(2)
is acquainted with \$87(2)(b) since they both reside in the same building.
CCRB Testimony
On March 9, 2009, §87(2)(b) was inside her apartment when she heard car doors slamming.
approached her window and saw approximately ten police vehicles and approximately nine
uniformed police officers running inside § 87(2)(b) stated that she was six
floors up in the building and nothing was obstructing her view. §87(2)(b) then observed possibly
three white male police officers holding \$87(2)(b) as he was in handcuffs. \$87(2)(b) stated that
she could not say how long the officers were inside the building before the three officers escorted
out of the building. The officers escorted §87(2)(b) to the street to the police vehicles
After the officers and \$87(2)(b) walked to a certain point, \$87(2)(b) could not see anymore. At
that point, \$87(2)(b) called \$87(2)(b) and told her that she believed officers were arresting
her son. A minute later, the officers placed \$87(2)(b) inside the police vehicle. \$87(2)(b) did not
mention that she observe the officers using physical force against \$87(2)(6)
mention that she deserve the officers asing physical force against
Attempts to Contact Victims
testified that he was stopped with \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) at
The undersigned called \$87(2)(b) on May 12, May 15, May 21, May
29, and June 2, 2009, and left him messages asking him to contact the undersigned regarding this
case. The undersigned mailed \$87(2)(b) "please call" letters on April 28 and May 21,
2009. On September 1, 2009, the undersigned mailed "please call" letters to \$87(2)(b) and \$100.
The undersigned searched 411.com for phone numbers for the two men. The search
yielded negative results as did the Lexis Nexis searches. On September 15, 2009, the "please call'
letter sent to \$87(2)(6) was returned by the United States Post Office. It stated, "Return to
Sender." The undersigned mailed \$87(2)(6) a final "please call" letter. As of this date, neither
nor \$87(2)(b) have contacted the undersigned regarding this
complaint.
Attempts to Contact Civilians
Since \$87(2)(b) was arrested at the same time and location as \$87(2)(b) the undersigned
called her on April 21, June 12, June 16, June 18, and June 23, 2009, and left her messages asking
her to contact the undersigned. The undersigned mailed her "please call' letters on April 21 and
June 2, 2009. On April 22, 2009, the undersigned spoke to \$87(2)(b) a witness identified by
informed the undersigned that she did not observe any incident. On May 28,
2009, the undersigned called \$87(2)(6) and left him a message. The investigator also mailed
him a "please call" letter. On May 1, 2009, the undersigned received a voicemail message from
Julie Drake, the mother of \$87(2)(b) She informed the undersigned that she did not want her
son involved in this investigation. On June 2, June 5, June 12, June 16, and June 18, 2009, the
investigator called \$87(2)(b) and left her messages asking her to contact the undersigned. On
June 2, 2009, the undersigned used the reverse phone number search engine for an address for
The phone number was listed to a cell phone.

### **NYPD Statements:**

## **Subject Officer:** PO JOSEPH FEDERICO

- §87(2)(6) -year-old white male, height 5'9" tall, weight 175 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes.
- On March 9, 2009, PO Federico was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct, patrol sectors D and E. He worked from 3:00pm to 11:35pm with PO Robert Galarza in uniform in a marked vehicle.

Memo Book PO Federico wrote the following in his memo book: At 3:40pm, "10-30 at \$87(2)(b) four males stopped at \$87(2)(b) at bus stop." At 4:10pm, "two under for \$87(2)(b) from \$87(2)(b) (encl. 15a-15c).	
OLBS Worksheet: PO Joseph Federico PO Federico prepared an arrest report for \$87(2)(b) on March 9, 2009 (encl. 27a-27b). The officer wrote the following on the report: '\$87(2)(a) 160.50	
PO Galarza and Sgt. Holley attempted to place perpetrator #1 in cuffs. Perpetrator #1 began to run and was apprehended by Sgt. Holley and PO Wong inside of \$57(2)(5)	
PO Federico was interviewed by the CCRB on July 20, 2009 (encl. 16a-16b). On March 9, 2009 at approximately 3:30pm, PO Federico and PO Galarza responded to a radio call regarding a robbery in progress at \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan in front of a school PO Federico received the description of the perpetrator as a male wearing a maroon sweatshirt with a white stripe on the side. \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) stated that a group of four males were involved in the incident. PO Federico and PO Galarza proceeded to canvass the location at they observed the four males at \$87(2)(b) and proceeded to stop them since they fit the description. PO Federico stated that East \$87(2)(b) is directly across from \$87(2)(b) is directly across from \$87(2)(b) is directly across from \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) an	ol.
PO Galarza, Sgt. Holley, and other officers stayed at the location with the four men as PO Federico got back in his vehicle to pick up \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(	)
At that point, \$87(2)(6) fled from the location toward \$87(2)(6) PO Galarza ran after on foot while PO Federico followed pursuit in his marked vehicle. Before leaving the	



<sup>3</sup> Earlier in the interview, PO Galarza stated that he and his partner did not tell the men to "Stop" because they were already stopped at the bus stop.

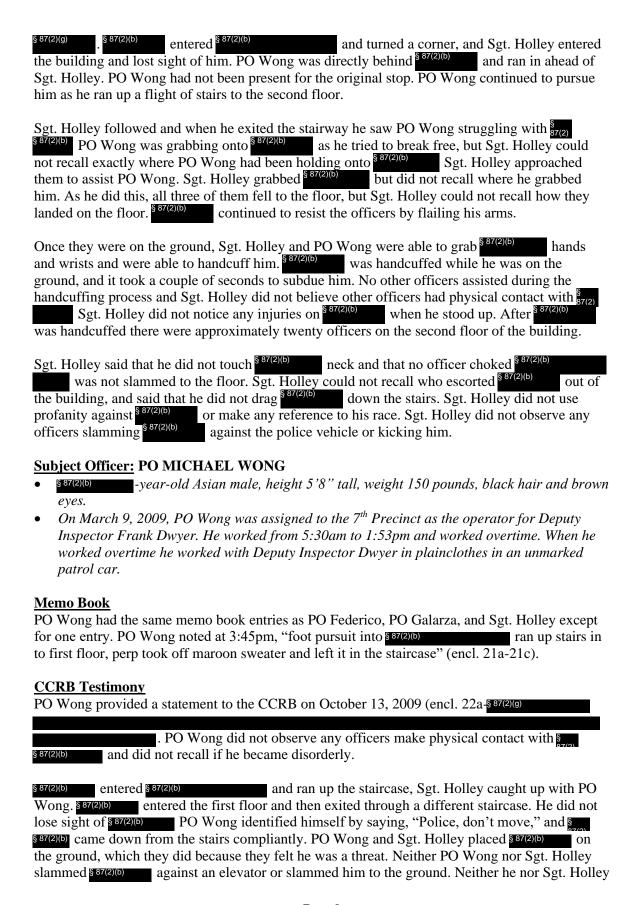
Why the fuck are you guys always bothering me?" PO Galarza was the one who interacted with him as PO Federico returned to the vehicle to get \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ During this time, Sgt. Holley, his operator, PO Jared Badillo, and several uniformed officers arrived at the scene. Sgt. Holley also spoke to the men and was trying to get their identification but \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ continued to curse and Sgt. Holley ordered him to be placed under arrest. PO Galarza did not effect the arrest of \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ and stated that he did not know which officer handcuffed the man. PO Galarza stated that he did not observe any officer use physical force against \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ During this time, the other men were still acting nervous.
PO Galarza approached \$87(2)(b) after he was identified by \$87(2)(b) and without saying a word, \$87(2)(b) fled toward \$87(2)(b) PO Galarza and Sgt. Holley pursued \$87(2)(b) as well. PO Galarza and Sgt. Holley told \$87(2)(b) "Stop" as they pursued him. PO Galarza did not recall if any other officers pursued \$87(2)(b) on foot with them.
As he followed pursuit, PO Galarza lost sight of \$87(2)(b) as he ran around a gate by the rear of the building. PO Galarza also stated that he lost sight of Sgt. Holley as well. As PO Galarza ran toward the gate, a pedestrian told the officer that \$87(2)(b) ran inside \$87(2)(c) PO Galarza ran up to the second floor and observed that \$87(2)(b) was already in handcuffs and was standing with Sgt. Holley and PO Wong. PO Galarza stated that \$87(2)(b) was on the second floor and not on the stairwell. He also mentioned that there were no other officers present during this time. PO Galarza stated that he did not have any physical contact with \$87(2)(b) at any time. The officer explained that Sgt. Holley was in front of him during the foot pursuit and that it took him approximately one minute to catch up to the sergeant. PO Galarza stated that he did not know when PO Wong arrived on the scene.
PO Galarza did not observe any injuries on and did not hear him complain of any injuries. Additional officers arrived on the second floor after PO Galarza, but he did not recall any of them by name. PO Galarza stated that Sgt. Holley and PO Wong did not mention anything regarding apprehension. PO Galarza did not recall who escorted arrived out of the building and did not observe PO Federico at the scene.
PO Galarza denied that he or any other officer slammed \$87(2)(b) against an elevator, police vehicle, or the ground. He denied that he or any other officer punched or hit \$87(2)(b) or dragged him down the staircase. PO Galarza denied that he cursed at \$87(2)(b) or made remarks to him based on race. The officer also stated that he did not place \$87(2)(b) in a chokehold nor did he see any other officer doing so.
Subject Officer: SGT. LEVON HOLLEY  • §87(2)(b) -year-old black male, height 5'10" tall, weight 180 pounds, black hair and brown

Sgt. Holley had the same memo book entries as PO Federico and PO Galarza (encl. 19a-19b).

• On March 9, 2009, Sgt. Holley was assigned as the patrol supervisor. He worked from

2:50pm to 11:47pm by himself in a marked police vehicle.

CCRB Testimony
Sgt. Holley was interviewed at the CCRB on October 7, 2009 (encl. 20a-20b). 887(2)(9)



shoved \$87(2)(b) with his knee. Neither PO Wong nor Sgt. Holley punched \$87(2)(b) or placed him in a chokehold.
was out of breath and did not say anything to the officers. PO Wong did not have handcuffs with him at the time, so Sgt. Holley handcuffed him. No other officers were present when \$87(2)(6) was handcuffed, but more officers arrived approximately five seconds later. PO Wong was out of breath, and after \$87(2)(6) was placed on the ground he did not pay attention to what was going on. PO Wong did not observe injuries on \$87(2)(6) and did not hear him complain of injuries. Neither PO Wong nor Sgt. Holley used profanity, and neither made comments based on race. PO Wong could not recall who escorted \$87(2)(6) down the stairs, and he did not personally make physical contact with \$87(2)(6) after he was removed from \$87(2)(6) after he was removed from \$87(2)(6)
NYPD Documents
On March 9, 2009, \$87(2)(b) called the police and reported that a group of males slammed her friend, \$87(2)(b) to the ground and took his cell phone. At 3:41pm, \$87(2)(b) reported that the male black perpetrator was wearing a maroon sweatshirt with a white stripe down the arm, is approximately 5'10" and is standing at the M14D bus stop. At 3:44pm, \$2(a) reported that the police are across the street and the perpetrators are standing next to the police vehicle. At 3:45pm, Sector D reported four stopped on northeast corner of \$2(a) At 3:58pm, it was reported "foot pursuit." At 3:59pm, sergeant on patrol reported that the perpetrator is in custody inside of \$87(2)(b) (encl. 23a-23g).
Roll Call According to the 7 <sup>th</sup> Precinct roll call, Sgt. Holley was assigned as the patrol supervisor and PO Jared Badillo was assigned as the sergeant's operator. Sgt. Holley and PO Badillo were assigned to vehicle number 5302. PO Joseph Federico and PO Robert Galarza were assigned to Sectors D and E in marked vehicle number 1458 (encl. 24a-24b).
According to the command log, PO Federico arrested \$87(2)(b) for \$87(2)(a) 160.50 resisting arrest at the corner of \$87(2)(b) at 3:54pm. \$87(2)(b) was taken to Central Booking at 9:58pm. The command log indicates that PO Federico arrested \$87(2)(a) 160.50 resisting arrest at \$87(2)(b) at 4:10pm. The command log described \$87(2)(b) s physical and mental condition as apparently normal. The command log also noted that PO Patrick Lynaugh arrested \$87(2)(b) for \$87(2)(b) at 4:10pm. \$87(2)(b) at \$87(
Stop, Question, and Frisk Log The stop, question, and frisk log yielded negative results for \$87(2)(0) and \$87(2)(0) (encl. 26a-26c).
Arrest Photograph  8 87(2)(6) s arrest photograph shows no visible injuries (encl. 28a).

**Arrest for Incident and Disposition** 

•	[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
Sta	atus of Civil Proceedings
•	has not filed a Notice of Claim with the City of New York as of November 19 2009 with regard to the incident (encl. 32a).
<u>Ci</u>	vilian Criminal History
•	[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
<u>Ci</u>	vilian CCRB History
•	has filed the following CCRB complaints:
	• § 87(2)(b)
Su	bject Officers CCRB History
•	PO Joseph Federico has been a member of the service for two years and there are no
_	substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 4a).
•	PO Robert Galarza has been a member of the service for two years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him. (encl. 5a).
•	Sgt. Levon Holley has been a member of the service for ten years and there is one
	substantiated CCRB allegations against him. The NYPD has yet to reach a disposition in
	regards to CCRB case number 200816688 (encl. 6a).
•	PO Michael Wong has been a member of the service for five years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 7a).
	Conclusion
Id	entification of Subject Officers
•	PO Federico and PO Galarza acknowledged that they stopped \$87(2)(6)
	and § 87(2)(b)
•	s physical description matched PO Wong and the officer's presence was corroborated by Sgt. Holley and PO Galarza's testimony and the OLBS worksheet.
•	Sgt. Holley acknowledged that he interacted with \$87(2)(b) on the second floor of \$100.
	§ 87(2)(b)
Al	egation Not Pleaded
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hic	At first, \$87(2)(b) testified that he was not placed in a chokehold and then changed testimony and stated that PO Wong placed him in the chokehold. \$87(2)(b) then changed his
	timony again and alleged that a white male wearing a white shirt choked him. §87(2)(9)

# **Investigative Findings and Recommendations**

Allegation A: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, PO Joseph Federico stopped § 87(2)
Allegation B: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, PO Robert Galarza stopped § 87(2)
Street and East Houston Street. Cent black male standing at 5'10" wearing standing at the M14D bus stop. Ser/20 stripe down his arm and mentioned the Avenue D. Once the officers canvastop him since he fit the description police Department Patrol Guide Procreasonably suspects a person has corresponding to the standard process.	ed a radio call regarding a robbery in progress at Columbia ral provided a description of one of the perpetrators as a g a maroon sweatshirt with a white stripe down the arm testified that he was wearing at red sweater with a gray hat he was standing at the uptown bus stop at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street and used the location, they observed S87(2)(5) and proceeded to provided by S87(2)(5) According to New York City cedure 212-11, "when a uniformed member of service mmitted, is committing or is about to commit a felony or a can "stop a person and request identification and explanation
	According to Kamins, "a 911
who has just committed a violent cri especially when the defendant is the description is sufficiently specific, w observation, or when the suspect is in	ibing a person with a gun at a specific location or a person me, will provide the police with reasonable suspicion, only person at the location fitting the description, when the when the information is corroborated by the officer's in close spatial and temporal proximity to the crime, or when rection of the reported crime" (encl. 2a-2b) [887(2)(9)]
Allegation C: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, PO Joseph Federico stopped
	887(2)(b)
Allegation D: At \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)	in Manhattan, PO Robert Galarza stopped § 87(2)(5)
\$ 87(2)(g)	
Allegation E: At § 87(2)(b)  against § 87(2)(b)  Allegation F: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan, Sgt. Levon Holley used physical force in Manhattan, PO Michael Wong used physical force
testified that he "speed walked apprehended an officer asked him was that an officer grabbed the back of he pushed him face-forward against the him facedown on the floor. Once on "couple of shots" at him. After \$87(2)(5) inside \$87(2)(5) resisted arrest, Sgt. Holley testified to	oodie, pulled him back, dragged him out of the staircase, elevator, lifted him up against the wall, and then slammed

his arms at the officers. Sgt. Holle hands and wrists and were able to	y testified that he and	PO Wong were able to gr	rab § 87(2)(b) s
		According to <i>Police D</i>	Denartment v
Freeman, "in effecting an arrest, a suspect into custody or to defend l (encl.3a-3f). \$87(2)(9)		itted to use reasonable for	rce to take a
Allegation G: At § 87(2)(b)	in Manhattan.	an officer made remark	ss to § 87(2)
based upon race. Allegation H: At \$87(2)(b) rudely to \$87(2)(b) \$87(2)(g)		an officer spoke obscen	48
Allegation I: At \$87(2)(b)  against \$87(2)(b)  Once \$87(2)(b)  was escorted out against the police vehicle. \$87(2)(b)  on his side and shoving him inside PO Galarza or any officer using pofficers placing \$87(2)(b)  inside	side the building, he aless mother testified to the police vehicle. §87 hysical force against §88	that she observed officers testified that she of	ammed him kneeing her son did not observe
Team: One			
Investigator:			
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